

A Resolution

By: Finance/Executive Committee:

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE 2002 GEORGIA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT THE
CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has prepared its Legislative Package for presentation to the 2002 Georgia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Legislative Package contains legislation that will impact the City of Atlanta, and in some cases, the State of Georgia, particularly in the areas of Appropriations, Economic Development, Housing, Municipal Government, Public Works, and Ways and Means.

NOW THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the 2002 Georgia General Assembly is urged to support the City of Atlanta's 2002 Legislative Package, which includes the proposals shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

City of Atlanta
2002 Legislative Package Proposals
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

1. Criminal Justice

- Support legislation to authorize parole for juvenile offenders serving mandatory sentences in adult facilities.

2. Economic Development

- Amend Business Expansion Support Act to allow the job credit provision to include undeveloped census tracts in urban areas.
- Amend Atlanta's Urban Enterprise Zone Act to create a new 'brownfield' category.

3. Homeland Security

- Support legislation to amend Open Records Act to exempt security plans of water utilities.
- Seek support for security expenses incurred post September 11th.
- Support State income tax exemption for salaries of sworn officers.

4. Housing/Homelessness

- Support legislation prohibiting predatory lending.
- Seek increased state funding for treatment/housing facilities for the mentally ill/substance abusers.

5. Municipal Government

- Support legislation to amend Open Records Act so as to provide an exemption for homicide photographs.
- Seek participation in the Legal Loan Forgiveness Program.

6. Revenue/Fiscal

- Amend City of Atlanta charter to allow the levy of a three (3) % excise tax on beer and wine sales.
- Amend State law to allow the issuance of commercial paper and other financial instruments by the airport.
- Seek to have the MARTA Tax excluded from the cap on local option sales taxes.

7. Transportation

- Support the establishment of a committee to study regional transportation and MARTA funding.
- Seek State matching funds for the initial stages of the Atlanta Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal.